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Arizona Department of Public Safety seizes over 9,000 pounds of Marijuana during the month of October

A number of traffic stops made by Highway Patrol officers with the Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS) along with seizures made by detectives with the agency's Criminal Investigations Division resulted in the confiscation of over 9,000 pounds of marijuana.

This amount seized by DPS during the month of October exceeds the 8,500 pounds of marijuana seized by the agency in September.

"This shows the determination of marijuana growers and dealers to get their product into the U.S. by whatever means necessary. The Arizona Department of Public Safety remains committed to taking thousands of pounds of drugs off the street whether it's marijuana or any other illegal substance," said Roger Vanderpool, Director of the Arizona Department of Public Safety.

Most of the marijuana seizures came after canines with DPS or the U.S. Border Patrol were used to search vehicles. The arrests and marijuana seizures were not concentrated in one area but occurred statewide.

DPS officers seized approximately 1,900 pounds of marijuana on October 15th as a result of an investigation that started with a traffic stop on Interstate 10. This was the largest one time seizure of marijuana made by DPS in October.

As a result of the Arizona Department of Public Safety's tireless effort to dismantle and disrupt the criminal organizations that manufacture, grow, transport and sell illegal drugs, communities in Arizona are becoming safer places to live.